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Council Votes to Move the Sunnyvale Library of the Future Forward

By Deborah Barrow,
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The Sunnyvale City Council voted on June 19, 2007 to move forward to consider a request to Sunnyvale voters to make the Library of the Future a reality. Over the last two years, the City of Sunnyvale has been actively considering the future of its library. Through a series of public meetings creating a vision for the Sunnyvale Library of the Future, through public participation in focus groups, community forums, and an interactive design session, the City has considered the need for current and future library facilities and services. Staff has seriously examined the possibility of branch library services, and has reviewed options for a new main library. There is an urgent need to establish a new main library, after which the Council would like to review branch library options again. Based on a community needs assessment, plan

of service, and reports on facilities options, the City Council has selected a preferred facility strategy for the new main library.

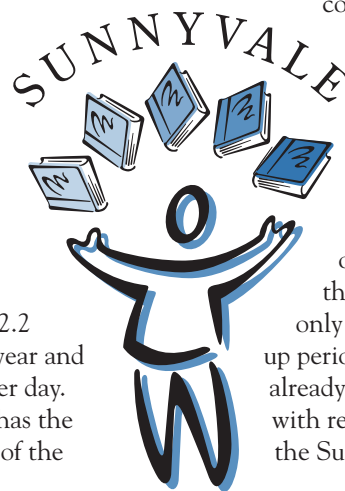
Shown below is the conceptual plan developed by Anderson Brule Architects for the library, which would be situated at the corner of Olive Ave. and Charles St. This conceptual plan for the ideal library to serve Sunnyvale's needs through the year 2030 shows the library located on the Civic Center campus, replacing the temporary building complex known as the Sunnyvale Office Center. The Sunnyvale Office Center site, along with the 1.8 acre parcel behind it was purchased in the year 2000 for \$17 million, specifically for future expansion of the Civic Center. The 1.8 acre parcel, valued at the time of purchase at \$5.5 million, was approved by Council for lease as a community garden for a period of 5 years. Council recognizes the value of the civic engagement and the involvement in

green space provided by the community garden. The Council has asked that the architects of the new library, "attempt to creatively incorporate the concept of a community garden in the design of the new library."

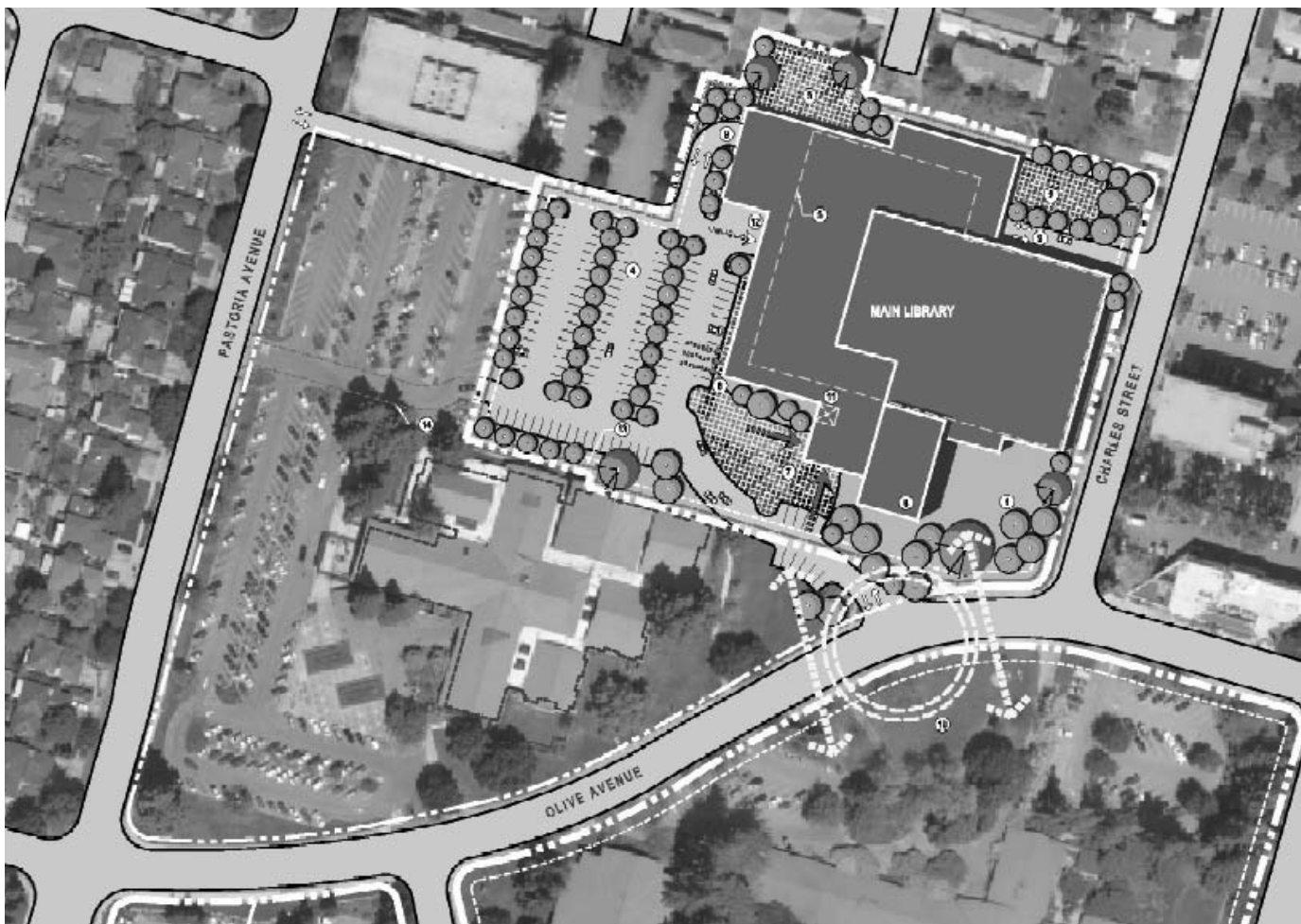
While some members of the public appreciate the current library building and find it cozy and attractive, the building has reached its capacity and limits the City's ability to deliver the high quality library services and spaces that the community needs. The Sunnyvale Library will circulate approximately 2.2 million items this fiscal year and has over 2,225 visitors per day. Sunnyvale's library also has the distinction of being one of the busiest libraries per

hour for its size, with over 530 items checked out per hour. Yet, many Sunnyvale residents reportedly seek library services in other communities that have newer libraries.

There are concerns with the current building. For example, the infrastructure is outdated, the brick construction impedes the Library's ability to use new technological systems throughout the building that would promote efficiencies and upgrade services; and the spaces are lacking or cramped, especially in the Children's Room. With only a few days into the sign-up period, the Children's Room already has been inundated with requests to participate in the Summer Reading program.



Library of the Future



The conceptual plan for Sunnyvale's Library of the Future places a new library at the corner of Olive Ave. and Charles St.

However, there is hardly space for the number of children who want to read and enjoy the library. A new, larger library would more effectively promote literacy.

City Council has selected a conceptual design from a number of competing alternatives. Sunnyvale's new library will be approximately 116,000 square feet, nearly double the size and capacity of the current library. The new library will offer significant improvements in building space and services to meet Sunnyvale's needs far into the future. The new library will have a state-of-the-art infrastructure, and it will be a "green" building meeting the highest levels of sustainable standards (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Level Platinum). To fund construction of Sunnyvale's new library, the Council is strongly considering placing a General Obligation bond measure before voters on the November 2007 ballot. If approved by two-thirds of Sunnyvale's voters, it is estimated that the Sunnyvale Library of the Future will become a reality sometime in 2011.



For complete information on the Sunnyvale Public Library, please call (408) 730-7300 or visit

www.sunnyvalelibrary.org

World Book Encyclopedia and Value Line Now Available Online Through the Library

By Christine Doxtad

The Library has recently acquired two new additions to its growing list of online databases. For students young and old, or the intellectually curious, there is **World Book Online** and for the investor in the family, turn to **Value Line's Research Center Online**.

World Book Online includes all the articles from the 22-volume print set that many of us are familiar with, along with 7,000 links to editor-approved websites. Also included is a Spanish language encyclopedia and a Research Center that contains over 5,000 e-books and thousands of primary source documents. Last but not least is the addition of the very attractive World Book Kids. Brightly colored and easily searchable, this resource is designed especially for younger users, reluctant readers or English-language learners. Along with the usual encyclopedia

entries, unique activities found in "Make it," "Play it" and "Think it" are included. There is a wealth of information here, available both from within the Library and at home.

If you invest in stocks, you have probably heard of Value Line. Value Line is one of the most widely-used independent investment information



services in the world. The Library has subscribed to **Value Line's Research Center Online** which provides access to both the standard and expanded print resources and also to their many surveys such as the Value Line Mutual Fund Survey, the Daily Options Survey, the Convertibles Survey and more. Value Line Online is only available from within the library.

To access these databases from the Library's home page, www.sunnyvalelibrary.org, click on Research Online and then on Databases.

New and Improved Wi-Fi Now Available

By Garrett Kuramoto

Several months ago, we were pleased to announce that wireless Internet access was available at the Library through the Metro-Fi network. Since then, many patrons have requested that we expand and improve the quality of the wireless signal throughout the entire library building. In response to this demand, the Sunnyvale Library would like to announce the installation of a new wireless network available inside the Library.

Connecting to the new Wi-Fi network is easy. Simply direct your wireless-enabled computer to connect to the "Sunnyvale_Library" network. The new network is unsecured and not password-protected, so you may need to adjust your computer's settings to allow access. Once you are connected and receiving a signal, load up the browser of your choice and enjoy surfing the new Sunnyvale Library wireless network!

Initial tests indicate reliable signal strength in most areas of the Library building and fast connection speeds of up to 6 Mbps. Keep in mind that your connection may vary depending on obstructions within the building and the number of patrons using the network.

Please note that this network is separate and unrelated to the Metro-Fi network, which is still active and may be accessed in certain areas of the Library. If you cannot connect to the Library network, Metro-Fi may be an alternative, especially outside the Library building where the Metro-Fi signal may be stronger. Please remember to exercise courtesy when using your laptop or mobile device, turn sound off or use headphones at a low volume, and do not string a power cord across walking paths. Policies and guidelines for accessing the network are available on our Web site.

We hope that the wireless network will enhance your library experience. We are already looking ahead to adding increased wireless accessibility to library resources and databases, and will now be taking advantage of wireless connectivity in our free classes and programs. As this is a new service, we will be paying close attention to ways to improve the network. Your feedback, positive and negative, especially in regards to signal strength and connection speeds, is greatly welcomed. Enjoy a summer of surfing (the web) at Sunnyvale Library!



Opera San Jose Returns to the Library

By Mary Chartrain

The Library is pleased to announce that it is once again time for our annual "Evening with Opera San Jose" on Monday, July 16 at 7 p.m. After a number of years, this has become a beloved program in our community as Opera San Jose artists visit the Library to preview the company's upcoming season.

This year, the artists will be performing selections from the upcoming 2007-2008 season:

Donizetti's *Lucia di Lammermoor*

Massenet's *Werther*

Verdi's *Rigoletto*

Mozart's *The Magic Flute*

Four Opera San Jose artists will be performing at the Library: Khorī Dastoor (soprano), Cybele Gouverneur (mezzo-soprano), Christopher Bengochea (tenor) and Kenneth Mattice (baritone). The artists will be accompanied by pianist Veronika Agranov-Dafoe. Additionally, Larry Hancock, Director of Production/General Manager, will talk about the operas and Opera San Jose.

Opera San Jose was founded in 1984 by the General Director, Irene Dalis. What makes Opera San Jose so unique is that it has a resident company of principal artists and also that these singers are in the first years of their operatic careers. These artists also participate in a number of community programs for both children and adults.

So please plan for a wonderful evening of both beautiful music and an educational opportunity to learn about the four operas that will be performed in Opera San Jose's upcoming 2007-2008 season.

Due to the popularity of this program, early arrival is recommended to ensure a seat. Everyone is welcome to this free event.



Khorī Dastoor



Cybele Gouverneur



Christopher Bengochea



Kenneth Mattice

Coffee Service Begins on Library Plaza

The Divine Cup coffee service is now operating at the entrance to the Library. Drinks on their menu include mochas, lattes, cappuccinos, espressos, Italian sodas, chai teas, brewed coffee/tea, hot chocolate, chocolate milk, vitamin water, bottled water, and more! Tables and chairs have been placed in the Library plaza so you can enjoy these refreshments outdoors. Summer hours for The Divine Cup are:

Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday 9:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.



Sunnyvale Public Library

665 W. Olive Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Library Hours

Monday–Thursday	10am–9pm
Friday & Saturday	10am–6pm
Sunday	12pm–8pm

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Children's & Teen Services	(408) 730-7292
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Dial-A-Story (English)	(408) 730-7333
Dial-A-Story (Spanish)	(408) 737-4907
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Library Cards	(408) 730-2748
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Overdue Materials	(408) 730-7309
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Library Web Site

www.sunnyvalelibrary.org

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